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CHEROKEE

FOR NEA SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)

SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR ATHERTON TRIP TO EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 17776

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1. SADAT'S LETTER BRINGS INTO CLEARER FOCUS FACT THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF MY TALKS IN EGYPT MAY WELL HAVE TO BE TO PERSUADE SADAT TO AGREE, OR GIVE HIM RATIONALE FOR AGREEING, TO SFM TALKS BEFORE SECRETARY COMES OUT HERE. I DO NOT THINK SECRETARY SHOULD COME UNTIL WE HAVE THAT AGREEMENT FROM SADAT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO THINK THROUGH, INCLUDING WHAT THE BEST TACK IS TO BRING SADAT AROUND, AND HOW WE RELATE OTHER PURPOSES OF MY VISIT TO WHAT NOW BECOMES THE MOST URGENT TASK OF GETTING HIM TO BACK OFF THE LATEST LIMB HE HAS GOT HIMSELF OUT ON AND TO AGREE ON ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS. CLEARLY WE WILL NEED TO REPLY TO SADAT'S LETTER, AND I WANTED FLAG FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THOUGHT

THAT IT MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF I COULD DELIVER PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO SADAT TO STRENGTHEN PRESENTATION I WILL BE MAKING

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TO HIM. THIS WOULD MEAN HAVING REPLY IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA FIRST THING SATURDAY MORNING FOR MEETING WHICH HERMANN TELLS US IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATER THAT MORNING IN ALEXANDRIA.

2. WE WILL BE PREPARING TALKING POINTS FOR OUR MEETINGS IN EGYPT TOMORROW (FRIDAY). WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE US BY
OPENING OF BUSINESS IN JERUSALEM FRIDAY.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO CAIRO.
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